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## HEADLINE PERSONALITY

# Thomas J. Dodd Brings Moderation to Senate

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"Well, I'm a moderate man."

That was the answer Democratic Senator-elect Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut gave when asked to elaborate on his promise to support a change in Senate Rule 22.

He favors some move to discourage filibusters. He nevertheless wants to make sure all members have adequate time to talk when they find themselves in the minority on any issue.

This "moderate" self-characterization seems to fit Mr. Dodd's temperament and public career in many ways. Whether he will be far more of a "moderate Democrat" than some of his incoming or incumbent colleagues remains to be seen.

But he is unlikely to be called a "radical spender" by the Republican opposition. Nor is he likely to stray far from the stands of a close friend and legislator he greatly admires—Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson.

## May Have Surprises

Mr. Dodd, gray-haired at 51, gives a first impression of being a quiet, almost self-effacing man who would rather smoke a peaceful pipe and delve into weighty law tomes than engage

in the rough and tumble of parliamentary floor debate.

Yet, as a lawyer, in public and private life, he was reputed to be vigorous, effective and learned. His background and broad interests also suggest he may surprise some of his fellow Senators and others at times.

At the Capitol yesterday he explained modestly that he came in to chat with Secretary of the Senate Felton Johnston "to find my way around here." But his four years of House service, 1953-57, membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and even his unsuccessful run for the Senate two years ago, gives him an advantage over many freshmen Senators.

He knows the procedure so well that he refuses to ask

much less "demand," a place on any specific Senate committee. That includes the Foreign Relations Committee—much as he would like to go there eventually.

## Favors Economy

On or off that committee, however, he will show great interest in improving the administration of the foreign aid program and putting more emphasis on economic than on military assistance. He believes military outlays in the mutual security program should be in the Defense Department budget.

Senator Byrd of Virginia, enemy of nonessential Federal expenditures, may find a strong ally in Senator-elect Dodd in fiscal matters—though not on civil-rights issues.

Mr. Dodd is convinced the Federal budget still can be trimmed in regular governmental operation areas, even if foreign aid and strictly defense spending may have to remain high.

He likewise feels it would be "deceptive," if not hypocritical, to suggest that a tax cut is possible in the next Congress. He remarks that "a cut just doesn't seem to be in the cards" in the foreseeable future.

In other legislative areas he plans active support of measures to help economically depressed areas, and of moves to correct some labor abuses. He did not disclose what type of labor legislation he has in mind.

In private law practice last year he represented a minority group protesting against operation of the Teamsters Union.

## Credits Others' Efforts

This former FBI special agent did not have to look for clues in giving reasons for the Democratic sweep in Connecticut last November 4.

He was so moderate in mentioning his own part in the campaign that he gave credit to almost everyone else—to Connecticut Gov. Ribicoff's "very groups in the State

strong run," to Senator Johnston's "very great help and good advice," and to the voters "uneasiness" about the Eisenhower administration.

But his supporters and others report he greatly came to the aid of his party in Connecticut, not only through his moderation but also through his popularity with the many minority groups in the State.



**FULL NAME**—Thomas J. Dodd.  
**CLAIM TO FAME**—Former House member elected Senator from Connecticut.

**HOME**—West Hartford, Conn.

**BIRTHDAY**—May 15, 1907.

**BIRTHPLACE**—Norwich, Conn.

**EDUCATIONAL**—Providence College (1930); Yale University Law School (1933).

**JOBS**—Special Agent, FBI (1933-34); Connecticut Director, National Youth Administration (1935-38); United States Department of Justice (1938-45); Executive Trial Counsel for United States prosecution of war criminals at Nurnberg, Germany; member of House (1953-57).

**FAMILY**—Married to the former Grace Murphy; six children, Thomas J., Jr., Carolyn, Jeremy, Martha, Christopher and Nicholas.

**HOBBIES**—Deep sea fishing, horse back riding, and theatre.